

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Islām

vs.

Modern Isms

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Any object of undue love and devotion is an idol, and such a devotee is Mushrik. And Allāh may forgive the severest of sins but **will** not forgive the sin of Shirk.

إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَغْفِرُ أَنْ يُشْرَكَ بِهِ وَيَغْفِرُ مَا دُونَ ذَلِكَ لِمَنْ يَشَاءُ. (النساء: ٤٨، ١١٦)

Surely Allāh does not forgive Shirk with Him. On the other hand, He forgives anything short of that, for whomsoever He wills. (Qurān 4:48)

Any ism (like patriotism, nationalism, regionalism, etc.) which leads a person to love some people and hate others, and to tolerate injustices from one set of people while they fight another set of people, is a religion contradicting Islām. And Allāh does not accept any religion other than Islām.

إِنَّ الدِّينَ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ الْإِسْلَامُ. (آل عمران: ١٩)

Truly, the (only recognized) religion in the sight of Allāh is Islām. (Qurān 3:119)

Modern Mass-Apostasy

Maulānā Abul Hasan 'Alī Nadwī laments in his book *Apostasy without an Abū Bakr to deal with* (ردة ولا أبا بكر لها) that Prophet Muhammad's ﷺ Ummah has never in its history faced a wholesale apostasy except the mass-apostasy immediately after Allāh's Prophet's death and except perhaps in Spain in the 15th and 16th century CE. But, in Spain, it was not really a mass-apostasy, rather it was a combination of massacre, mass-exile and mass-coercion. All the Muslims in Undulus were massacred, forced to flee or coerced into Christianity by the so-called *Christian* conquerors. Muftī Taqī Usmānī writes in [*Undulus mein chand roz*](#):

It was also the lot of Garnātah (the last Muslim state in Spain) to witness the burning of Arabic books – the repositories of knowledge and scholarship – for weeks at a stretch. Its mosques were transformed into churches, its Muslims converted to Christianity *by sword*^[1], its women

^[1] In the words of Akbar Ilāhābādī

robbed of their chastity and honor, and life in this land was made so unbearable for the Muslims that after some time, no sign of a Shahādah-proclaimer was left here. Perhaps no other place in the world witnessed such an agonizing history of Muslims' rise and fall. ([Undulus mein chand roz](#), p13)

When the holy Prophet ﷺ died, there was a wave of apostasy and Islām was in imminent danger of being wiped off the face of the earth. Hazrat Abū Bakr stood up like a resolute mountain, faced this turbulent wave with an equally forceful determination, stopped it with his Īmān-inspired fortitude and forced it to recede into oblivion.

Other than these two occasions, whenever a Muslim has turned apostate, he has been treated as an outcast by his family and friends. Family and friends have always disliked such self-harmers and have boycotted them completely, in accordance with this description:

لَا تَجِدُ قَوْمًا يُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ يُوَادُّونَ مَنْ حَادَّ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ وَلَوْ كَانُوا آبَاءَهُمْ أَوْ أَبْنَاءَهُمْ أَوْ إِخْوَانَهُمْ أَوْ عَشِيرَتَهُمْ. (المجادلة: ٢٢)
You will not find people who believe in Allāh and in the Hereafter having friendship with those who oppose Allāh and His Messenger, even if they are their fathers, their sons, their brothers, or their family. (Qurān 58:22)

Consequently, there has been no other widespread incident of apostasy in the Prophet's Ummah, the best of all Ummahs.

But then in our times: There are people, the youth and the middle-aged, the adolescent and the white-haired, who believe Islām is outdated, who know nothing about our unrivalled heritage of chivalry and honor, sacrifice and heroism, *but* the corrupted and defaced version fed into their minds by schools and colleges which invariably teach the curriculum set by our enemies, the colonialists. They believe that the only way to collective honor

یہ نہ بتلایا کہ پھر توپ سے پھیلا کیا ہے؟
They kept proclaiming that Islam has been spread by sword,

یہی فرماتے رہے تیغ سے پھیلا اسلام
But they didn't say what has been spread by bomb.

is to bow down to the Satanic ideologies and evil innovations of the West, and that Islām is no more relevant to the contemporary age.

They are apostates. Like the Khawārij sect of early days they have exited Islām just as an arrow exits the bow. But unlike the Khawārij sect of yore whose Salāhs, Fastings, and Qurān recitations were enviable even for the best of Muslims of the time, these apostates do not care to even pretend to engage in these Islāmic activities. Cinema-halls are their masjids, schools their madrasahs, filthy actors from Hollywood their Hasan Basarīs and Imām Abū Hanīfahs, the greedy and coward despots like George Washington and Napoleon their Salāhuddīn Ayyūbīs and Mahmūd Ghaznawīs. And the Ummah sleeps, still unable to decide between learning and regaining the Dīn – which is a Farze Kifāyah (social obligation) in their twisted logic – and obedience to Dīn-ignorant, full- or semi-apostate parents which is Farze 'Ain (individual obligation) in their contorted reasoning!

Islām also includes a set of beliefs and a sense of brotherhood. To counter this Islāmic fraternity, the Modern Apostasy has come up with the millennia-old Satanic concept of land-worship or patriotism. While Allāh informs us that our region, our country and our land were all created by Allāh to serve us and that we were created to worship Him; the Modern Apostasy teaches us that the only bond of love among us should be patriotism and nationalism. We must love everybody on this side of the crooked boundary drawn by a European bureaucrat whose schoolteachers failed to teach him how to draw a straight line. Anyone on the other side of this all-important ugly line drawn by the Western colonialists must be treated as an enemy.

This love and hatred based on a commonality other than Islām is Kufr, but is so all-pervasive that it is mighty difficult for us to recognize.

Discard these foul-smelling creeds

It's time we worked to recognize this kind of Kufr. It's time we pondered in ourselves whether we are Muslims or Hyderabadīs, Muslims or Shaikhīs and Ansārīs, Muslims or Syrians and Afghans. There is nothing wrong in these

attributes as means of identification. But when they become our very existence, when they make us love some people even if they are wrong and hate others even if they are right, when we start to have *love* for these divisive associations, then it surely is a warning bell. Now, it's time to

دَعُوَهَا فَإِنَّهَا مُنْتَنَةٌ. (البخاري: ٤٩٠٥)

Discard the creeds of the Days of Ignorance, for they stink. (Bukhārī 4905)

It was in Sha'bān 5 AH during the Banū Al Mustalaq expedition that after several long years, a slogan of the Days of Ignorance struck the ears of Sahābah and the holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ: “Help, O Muhājirs!” “Help, O Ansārs!” (Sīratul Mustafā 2/271) Some immediate events had forced into oblivion the Prophet’s noble interpretation of the old creed “Help your brother whether tyrant or oppressed.” Allāh’s Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ had explained that as a Muslim, your help to your tyrant brother would be quite different: you must hold the hand of your tyrant brother and stop him from injustice. (قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ: «انصُرْ أَخَاكَ» ظَالِمًا أَوْ مَظْلُومًا، قَالُوا: يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ، هَذَا نَنْصُرُهُ مَظْلُومًا، فَكَيْفَ نَنْصُرُهُ ظَالِمًا؟ قَالَ: «تَأْخُذُ فَوْقَ يَدَيْهِ» Bukhārī 2444) Then Allāh’s Prophet asked them to discard the slogans of the Days of Kufr calling them stinking.

That the only ism should be Islām, and that the only basis for brotherhood and enmity should be Islām was reinforced by the Prophet on the day of the Conquest of Makkah in Ramazān 8 AH, when he addressed the Sahābah:

إن الله قد أذهب عنكم نخوة الجاهلية وتعظيمها بالأباء. الناس من آدم

وآدم من تراب. (سيرة النبي لشبلى النعماني ٢٩٣/١؛ بي دي إيف: ١٤٧)

Allāh has liberated you from the prides of the Days of Ignorance and vainglories over ancestors. All men originated from Ādam, and Ādam from the earth. (Sīratun Nabī 1/293)

So, all are equal, aren’t they? Allāh created these associations only to help us recognize each other, not to serve as a basis for love and hatred, or an object of devotion and pride.

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ إِنَّا خَلَقْنَاكُمْ مِنْ ذَكَرٍ وَأُنْثَىٰ وَجَعَلْنَاكُمْ شُعُوبًا وَقَبَائِلَ
لِتَعَارَفُوا إِنَّ أَكْرَمَكُمْ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ أَتْقَاكُمْ. (الحجرات: ١٣)

O mankind, we have created you from a male and a female, and made you into races and tribes, so that you may identify one another. Surely the noblest of you in Allāh's sight is the one who is most pious of you. (Qurān 49:13)

You are the Yūsuf for whom every land is equally lovable

Hazrat Yūsuf عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام was born in Kan'ān but settled in Misr (Egypt). No love for homeland came in his way. Similarly, Allāh's last Prophet Muhammad صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ was born in Makkah which was and still is the greatest and most blessed piece of land on the earth, yet Allāh's Prophet did not make it his residence of choice. Even after Makkah was conquered, even after it became as much Islāmic as Madīnah, even after its residents started loving the noble Prophet as much as the inhabitants of Madīnah, the Prophet continued his stay in Madīnah, shattering the shackles of patriotism for the Ummah till the Last Day. And yes, the so-called Hadīth "Love for country is a part of Īmān" is nothing but a fabrication that the proponents of Modern Apostasy have clutched upon in their despicable effort to beguile the less knowledgeable, that is, the vast majority of Muslims.

The report حُبُّ الْوَطَنِ مِنَ الْإِيمَانِ (Love for country is a part of Īmān) has no reliable source. Most of the scholars have termed it Mauzū' (fabricated, false). Mullā 'Alī Qārī in his book Al Asrārul Marfū'ah (p. 180) and Mirqātul Mafātih (3/1158), 'Allāmah 'Ajlūnī in his book Kashful Khafā (1/345), Suyūtī in his book Ad Durarul Muntathirah fil Ahādīthil Mushtahirah (1/108), and 'Allāmah Tāhir Pattanī in his book Tazkiratul Mauzū'āt (1/11) have included it in the list of fabricated Hadīths. 'Allāmah Sakhāwī

has expressed ignorance of its source, saying:" I have been unable to find it (from a reliable source)." (Al Maqāsidul Hasanah 1/297)

Therefore, it is not a Hadīth at all. Instead, it is an unreliable and fabricated report. In fact, the fundamental basis of love and hatred, and alliance and union in Islām is the Īmān-based brotherhood. The unity of Islām and the Īmān-based fraternity that it teaches created jealousy in the dark hearts of Europeans. They concluded that it was impossible to subjugate the Muslims as long as they remained united. Therefore, they promoted the (anti-Islāmic) ideologies of nationalism and patriotism, and made concerted efforts to propagate it especially in the Muslim world. At last, they succeeded in rending the fabric of Islām into tatters.

Love for one's birth-place is a natural instinct but it is neither a part of Īmān nor can it ever rank higher than Īmān-based fraternity. In fact, the regional, linguistic and racial associations and isms have acquired the shape of a severe calamity. These isms have harmed the Muslims much more than anything else. So, we need to do away with such ideologies and break the forces of these (Satanic) waves.

The boundary of Īmān and Kufr has been ordained by Allāh, whereas the geographical boundaries have been created by men like us. Can the bounds made by men ever equal Allāh's limits and boundaries?

Source: Kitābul Fatāwā by Maulānā Khālid Saifullāh Rahmānī 1/315

Let 'Allāmah Iqbal's exhortation be the guiding principle in our lives:

تو وہ یوسف ہے کہ ہر مصر ہے کنعاں تیرا

Your robe is free from the dust of
birth-place

غیر یک بانگِ درا کچھ نہیں ساماں تیرا

Your caravan can never get
dispersed,

پاک ہے گردِ وطن سے سرداماں تیرا

You are the Yūsuf for whom every
Misr is his Kan'ān (birthplace)

قافلہ ہونہ سکے گا کبھی ویراں تیرا

For you have no possession other than
the caravan-bell.

Unpolluted by patriotism, you are like Yūsuf عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام for whom his land of migration was as lovable as his place of birth, Kan'ān; for whom every land is Allāh's creation and hence equally lovable. As a Muslim, you do not have a country to which your heart should be attached. Your only attachment is to Allāh and His Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ.

Relying only upon Allāh, and keeping your heart free of all attachments, whether of material possessions or of isms, you are sure to reach your destination in the company of your Muslim caravan. What loss can halt you when your only possession is the bare minimum of life: the caravan-bell!?